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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 28, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for filing a response to the Office Action is set to expire on January 28, 2004. Reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper. Claims 11-12 have been cancelled. Claims 4, 9, 20, and 29 have been amended.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.